Construction of Madras-Kanyakumari as a National Highway

158. SHRI R. MOHANARANGAM: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to construct a road from Madras city to Kanyakumari as a National Highway; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

"Ketosteril" as life saving drug

159. SHRI K. L. N. PRASAD: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any representations for the inclusion of "Ketosteril" medicine manufactured only in West Germany and prescribed for kidney patients in the category of 'Life Saving Drugs';

(b) whether the medicine has been included in the above mentioned category; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Since the Drug does not appear to figure in the reference books, decision to include the drug in the category of life saving drugs could not be considered and supporting data had been asked for.

160. [*Transferred to the 2nd May*, 1986].

Issue of boarding passes to the passengers

161. SHRI RAM NARESH KUSHAWAHA: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to issue 'boarding passes' to the passengers at the time of issuing air ticket for day trips, and

(b) if so, what are the reasons for making a change in the existing procedure and how do Government propose to ensure that the 'broading passes' issued in advance are not misused by any undesirable passengers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) The modalities to implement this proposal are being worked out.

Arjun awards to the wrestlers

162. SHRI MARUTI DNYANOO MANE (PATIL): Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a act that no wrestler was honoured with "ARJUN AWARD" this year;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what action Government propose to take to encourage the wrestlers and to provide better retirement benefits to them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) The awards to be given this year will relate to the year 1985. These will be finalised and announced in due course.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Encouragement under the Department's schemes of grants to National Sports Federations and benefits under the National Welfare Fund for Sportsmen are available to eligible wrestlers, as indeed to other eligibe Sports-persons.

Places of Archaeological Importance in Jammu and Kashmir

163. SHRI DHARAM CHANDER PRASHANT: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of places of archaeological importance under the Archaeological

Survey of India in Jammu and Kashmir; and

(b) whether Government propose to take up more such sites under the Archaeological Survey of India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) The number of monuments and sites of archaeological importance under Archaeological Survey of India in Jammu and Kashmir is Sixty one.

(b) Yes, Sir.

Allocation of funds to the Archaeological Survey of India

164. SHRI DHARAM CHANDER PRASHANT: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what funds have been allocated to the Archaeological Survey of India for year 1986-87 for excavation work;

(b) whether it is a fact that some of the excavation units are without work; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that major amount of allocated funds is being spent on the salaries and maitenance work and no new project has been taken up by the Archaeological Survey of India in recent past?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) Funds to the extent of Rs. 42 lakhs have been allocated for the excavations by the Archaeological Survey of India for the year 1986-87.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) No, Sir.

Length of railway track in Rajasthan

165. SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the total kilometerage of railway track, metre and broad gauge, at the time of formation of the Rajasthan State;

(b) the total route kilometrage of railway track by the end of 1985; and

(c) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to construct a new railway line in Rajasthan during the Seventh Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT (SHRI BANSI LAL): (a) Rajasthan State was formed on 1-11-1956. State-wise data on Route Kilometrage was not maintained at that time. The data is maintained as on 31st March of the year. Accordingly, the Route Kilometerage in Rajasthan State as on 31-3-1957 for Broad Gauge and Metre Gauge broadly works out to 649 and 4,531 respectively.

(b) The figures of Route Kilometerage in the State as on 31-3-1985 for Broad Gauge and Metre Gauge are 760.4 and 4.766.9 respectively.

(c) Two Broad Gauge new lines namely Kota-Chittorgarh-Neemach and Mathura-Alwar have been taken up and are being progressed according to availability of resources.

Offer for opening Medical College by the Gulf countries

166. SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there was an offer of Gulf countries to start a medical college in India and to reserve some seats for students belonging to these countries;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) whether the offer still stands and what is Government's policy in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.